Sector Undertakings Category-wise allowed to undergo treatment aborad on Government expenses during the last three years till date, year-wise, PSU-wise;

(b) what was the expenditure borne by Government in each case/category-wise/ disease-wise/period-wise with limit, if any, laid down for the purpose in respect of PSUs under the Ministry of Petroleum and Chamicals and other Departments;

(c) what are the details of ailments so far identified for purposes of treatment abroad indicating names of such diseases which have recently been noticed and added to the list for which treatment is not available in India like infartility in males, transplantation of human organs other than eyes etc. during 1994-95 and 1995-96; and

(d) whether any guidelines in respect thereof have been notified so far. if not, whether Government propose to do so now, so as to mitigate the hardships being caused to Central Government own employees in many cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Enhanced Payment for CGHS Facilities

2711. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the retired Central Government employees availing Central Government Health Scheme (C.G.H.S.) facilities since 1990 are now required to pay more with effect from the 1st April, 1994 when they have already made the required paymant to C.G.H.S. in 1994-95; and

(b) if so, what is the criteria laid down for enhancement of charges from low paid retired employees since 1990 by Director General of Health Services indicating enhanced charges categorywise and year-wise during the years in 1990-95 and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The retired Central Government employees availing of CGHS facilities since 1990 can avail of the facilities upto the time of next renewal on the basis of their existing CGHS cards. They will have to pay the subscription at the revised rate at the time of next renewal.

(b) The revised rates with effect from 1.4.1994 and the pre-revised rates of subscription category wise are indicated below:

Pay/Pension range in Rupees	Revised rates in Rupees	Pre-revised rate in Rupees.
upto 1200	5	1
1201 to 1500	10	2
1501 to 1800	15	3
1801 to 2500	20	4
2501 to 3200	25	5
3201 to 4000	30	6
4001 to 5000	40	9
above 5000	50	12

The rates of subscription have been revised due to increase in the costs of medicines, machinery and equipments, manifold increase in the pay and allowances of Government employees and extension of new services under CGHS, etc.

Impact of Enforcement of Transplantation of Human Organs Act of Kidney Patients

2712. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Transplantation of Human Organs Act prohibits kidney transplant from a living donor except from close relatives and by reasons of affection or attachment towards the recipiant or for any other especial reason;

(b) whether Government had undertaken any survey/study before enforcement of the said Act as to the total number of kidney failure patients awaiting transplantation in the country during the last three years and the number of cadaver kidneys likely to be made available each year during the next three years; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to solve the problems of patients who are advised immediate removal of kidneys but have no relatives or cannot get a living donor as specified in the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir,.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) The cadaver organs are expected to meet the requirement of such patients.

North-Eastern Regional Medical College, Imphal

2713. SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North-Eastern Regional Medical College, Imphal is not going to be taken over by Government of India soon;

(b) if so, what are the steps already taken by Government towards that end;

(c) whether there is any financial irregularity in the management by the authorities of the North-Eastern Regional Medical College Society; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures have been taken toward off the further recurrence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Taking over of the Regional Medical College, Imphal by the Central Government is not contemplated. However, it has been suggested that revamped management structure and rehabilitation package within the existing framework of the Regional Medical College Society would be sufficient to set right the matters.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Spread of AIDS

2714. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prof. Roger Short of Monash University has stated in an Australian Population Conference that India will be World's Worst-affected AIDS region in five years' time; and

(b) if so, except distributing condoms in jails what effective steps have been taken by Government to check the spread of this highly fatal disease in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) A news item to this effect has appeared in the Pioneer, New Delhi, dated March 5, 1995. The statement attributed to Prof. Roger Short could at best, be his guesstimate.

(b) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India a comprehansive programme is currently under implementation as a centrally sponsored scheme throughout the country. The strategies of the programme consist of generation of awareness amongest high risk behaviour groups and general public about HIV/AIDS control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Blood Safety and rational use of blood better surveillance; and diagnosis and Clinical Management of HIV/AIDS cases.